

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5775

INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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DEPT ALSO PASS USINT CAIRO

FOR SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, XF

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES

SWEDISH AMBASSADOR (THOROUGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE) TELLS ME HE JUST LEARNED FOLLOWING INFO FROM SENIOR SWEDISH OFFICER WITH UNTSO ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT: LATTER HAS RECENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE SITUATION IN DEPTH WITHIN SYRIA BEHIND CEASEFIRE LINE, AND HAS NOTED MAJOR BUILD-UP OVER PAST FEW WEEKS. WHEREAS UP TO ONE MONTH AGO, HE ANTICIPATED CEASEFIRE WOULD HOLD ON THAT FRONT UNTIL SPRING, HE NOW BELIEVES THERE IS SERIOUS RISK OF MAJOR CLASH BY MID-JANUARY, UNLESS THERE IS BREAK-THROUGH IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS BY THEN.

HE REASONS THAT EVEN IF SYRIANS DO NOT EXPLOIT THEIR CURRENT BUILD-UP TO ATTACK, THEIR POTENTIAL FOR CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE BY SURPRISE MOVE WOULD BE SO GREAT THAT ISRAELIS, STILL SMARTING FROM OCTOBER 6 SET-BACK, WILL CONCLUDE THAT PE-EMPTIVE STRIKE IS NECESSARY.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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